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Dear Examiner Slack:

Thank you for agreeing to consider the information we discussed regarding conventions for patent drawings. Pursuant to our telephone conversation, I am sending copies of pertinent pages from the *Guide for Preparation of Patent Drawings*, namely pages A3-1 to A3-4 of Appendix 3.

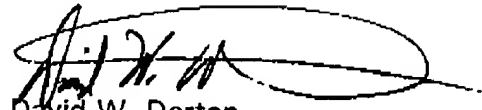
Please note that Box #17 on page A3-4 indicates that a stipple pattern should be used to denote adhesive, both as a surface view and in cross-section. Box #19 shows the pattern for denoting foam material. Further note that the cited references to Young, Murachi et al., as well as Applicant's own drawings follow the convention set forth by the U.S. Patent Office.

Thank you again for agreeing to consider this information in view of the Office Action mailed July 21, 2003. Please call me after you have had a chance to review this information.

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Appendix 3

Symbols

Graphical drawing symbols, as indicated in 37 CFR 1.84(n), may be used for the conventional elements when appropriate. The elements for which such symbols and labeled representations are used must be adequately identified in the specification.

Known devices should be illustrated by symbols which have a universally recognized conventional meaning and are generally accepted in the art, provided no further detail is essential for understanding the subject matter of the claimed invention. Other symbols may be used on condition that they are not likely to be confused with existing conventional symbols, and that they are readily identifiable.

In general, in lieu of a symbol, a conventional element, combination, or circuit may be shown by an appropriately labeled rectangle, square, or circle; abbreviations should not be used unless their meanings are evident and not confusing with the abbreviations used in the suggested symbols. In electrical symbols, an arrow through an element indicates variability thereof; dotted-line connection of arrows indicates ganging thereof; and inherent property (as resistance) may be indicated by showing symbol (for resistor) in dotted lines.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is a private non-profit organization whose numerous publications include some that pertain to graphical symbols. Such publications, for example, *Graphic Symbols for Fluid Power Diagrams*, *IEEE Standard Graphic Symbols for Logic Functions*, *Graphic Symbols for Electrical and Electronics Diagrams*, are considered to be generally acceptable in patent drawings. ANSI headquarters are at 1819 L Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036, with offices at 25 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036. The organization's Internet address is www.ansi.org.

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- The Office will not "approve" any published collection of symbols as a group, because the use and clarity of symbols must be decided on a case-by-case basis.
- Overly specific symbols should be avoided.
- Symbols with unclear meanings should be labeled for clarification.
- It is always necessary for the specification to include a complete description of the subject matter disclosed.

When the material is an important feature of the invention, the symbols shown on Pages A-3-3 through A-3-5 should be used.